Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Beckman family emigrated from Germany to the United States, and Henry Beckman began his farming career on a dairy farm near Chicago; and,

Whereas, Henry and Anna married and lived in Iowa before moving their household belongings by train and horse and wagon from Iowa to their farm near Cavour, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Henry and Anna purchased their farm from the previous homesteaders, the Waldren family, on February 8, 1907, and the farm is located 1 mile west and 1 mile north of Cavour; and,

Whereas, Henry and Anna's son, Elmer, was born on the family farm and has lived there his entire life; and,

Whereas, Elmer and Vylene were married in 1945, and shortly thereafter, took over the management and operation of the Beckman Farm when Henry and Anna moved to Huron, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Elmer and Vylene were blessed with two children, Bruce and Doreen, and will join family and friends to celebrate 100 years of farming and will be recognized as a Century Farm on June 16, 2007, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize this milestone event:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 16, 2007, as

BECKMAN FAMILY FARM DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State